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To: FCC Fax: 202-418-2806
From: Rupa Venkatesh Fax: (407) 872-7165

Comments

RE: Ms. Elizabeth Turra

Thank you in advance for your review and response of the attached documentation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at my direct line (407) 872-7181, by e-mail at rupa_venkatesh@billnelson.senate.gov or at the numbers listed below.

Thanks,
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Rupa Venkatesh
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June 22, 2011

Ms. Diane Atkinson
Congressional Liaison Specialist
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, Southwest, Room 8-C453
Washington, District of Columbia 20554

Dear Ms. Atkinson:

Please find enclosed correspondence I received from one of my constituents. It involves an important matter under the jurisdiction of your agency.

Your review and response to the issues raised would be greatly appreciated. Please send your correspondence directly to my office and reference Elizabeth Turra for our records. I look forward to a response at your earliest convenience and thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Nelson".

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Enclosure

STOP THE SALE OF WMFE IN ORLANDO FLORIDA

May 26th, 2011

Elizabeth Tuura
2016 Foxboro Dr
Orlando, FL 32812

Sen. Nelson,

The PBS station in Orlando, WMFE Channel 24, is being sold to a religious group from Texas. Our area will have to utilize PBS stations from Daytona and Melbourne but in the process will miss out on the national newscasts known as News Hour with Jim Leyer because those stations cannot reproduce the live feed from DC.

Our community was not informed of this sale until it was completed. We heard during the pledge drives (as we often do) that WMFE was in need of funding but no mention of the imminent sale of the channel.

I contacted the CEO of WMFE Jose Fajardo and he told me via email that all attempts to keep the station afloat had been "exhausted" and so a deal was made to sell to a religious group doing business as DayStar.

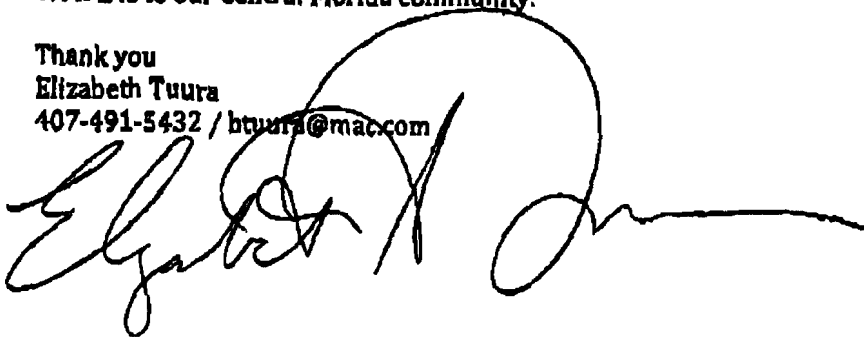
Since the email with Mr. Fajardo I have sent a letter of protest to the FCC as well as an online form provided by FCC website. I have signed petitions and made phone calls.

There is more information in regard to this "shady" deal

- 1) DayStar misrepresented itself as an educational group named "Community Educators of Orlando". Make no mistake: this is a church.
- 2) Mr. Fajardo stated all options had been exhausted however none of the large donors knew it was up for sale. WMFE has been purchased for 3 million dollars! An HD television station for 3 MILLION dollars! I do believe a donor or donors would have been able to come up with the money.

Sen. Nelson I urge you to please contact the FCC and let them know how important WMFE is to our Central Florida community.

Thank you
Elizabeth Tuura
407-491-5432 / btuura@mac.com





Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

July 14, 2011

IN REPLY REFER TO:
CN-1100799

The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senate
Landmark Two
225 East Robinson Street
Suite 410
Orlando, Florida 32801

Dear Senator Nelson:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituent, Ms. Elizabeth Tuura of Orlando, Florida, regarding the proposed sale of WMFE-DT, a noncommercial educational television station licensed to Orlando. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

On April 1, 2011, the licensee of WMFE, Community Communications, Inc. (CCI), filed an application with the Commission proposing to assign the station's broadcast license to Community Educators of Orlando, Inc. (CEO). On April 28, 2011, the Commission's Media Bureau issued a *Public Notice* (DA 11-755) which assigned a docket number to the proposed transaction and established a period for the submission of petitions to deny and public comments regarding the proposed assignment.

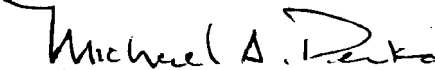
The Commission has received a number of informal objections concerning the proposal to assign WMFE to CEO, including an objection filed by Ms. Tuura. The Media Bureau staff currently is evaluating the record compiled in the proceeding, including the objections filed with the Commission. Upon completion of this review, the Bureau will issue a decision regarding the proposed transaction.

As required by the Commission's *ex parte* rules, copies of your correspondence and this response will be provided to both CCI and CEO, and will be made a part of the record of the proceeding. Any additional correspondence filed with the Commission addressing the merits of the pending WMFE assignment application also should be provided to the parties listed below.

Page 2—The Honorable Bill Nelson

I hope that this information is helpful and please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Perko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being more prominent.

Michael S. Perko
Chief, Office of Communications and Industry Information
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